(TAMC) under the chairmanship of the Textile Commissioner has also been constituted to monitor and review the progress of the scheme, accelerate its implementation as well as to suggest necessary changes in the technical/financial norms and other aspects for smooth operation of the scheme. Taking into account suggestions received from various organizations, government has been amending the Scheme to make it more use friendly. Some of the major amendments are :—

(i) Providing an option to the Small Scale Sector textile and jute industries for availing of either 12% Upfront Credit Linked Capital Subsidy or the existing 5% interest reimbursement.

(ii) Restoring coverage of Cotton Ginning and Pressing (G&P) Sector under TUFS with an option for G&P units to avail of benefits either under TUFS or Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC).

During 1999-2000 *i.e* the first year of launching the scheme, the progress was moderate. The tempo of progress gained momentum during the second year *i.e.* 2000-2001. However, during the current financial year *i.e* 2001-2002 the progress has slowed down due to recessionary trend prevailing in the international and domestic economy. As on March 31, 2002, 1598 applications with project cost of Rs. 13,967 crore have been received. 1369 applications with project cost of Rs. 10,774 crore requiring loan of Rs. 5141 crore have been sanctioned. 1074 applications with project cost of Rs. 8560 crore have been disbursed an amount of Rs. 3,412 crore.

Deen Dayal Handloom Promotion Plan in Chhattisgarh

†5235. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any schemes/proposals from the Government of Chhattisgarh regarding Deen Dayal Handloom Promotion Plan, Design input and Health package for weavers in Durg, Rajnandgaon and Kavardh district;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposals are likely to be implemened?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Government had forwarded 7 proposals under the Basic Input component of the Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) during the year 2001-02 for covering the weavers of Durg and Rajnandgaon. Out of those proposals, only three were found in order: Those three proposals involving an outlay of Rs. 1.85 lakh were approved and sum of Rs. 0.92 lakh was sanctioned as first instalment.

Claims submiited by the State Government under the Marketing Incentive component of the DDHPY in respect of 17 Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies of the districts of Durg, Kavardh and Rajnandgaon for the year 2000-01 and 2001-02 were settle and a sum of Rs, 14,56,788/- was released during the year 2001-02.

In so far as Health Package Scheme is concerned, the proposal received from the State Government during the year 2001-02, for covering weavers of Durg, Rajnandgaon and Kavardh could not be considered for release of Central assistance as the State Government had, not furnished utilization certificate in respect of Central assistance released earlier.

Proposal for the Welfare of Textile Worker

5236. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether government propose to formulate a policy for the welfare of the textile workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Government has already formulated the approach towards textile workers In the National Textile Policy-2000.

The Policy, recognizing that the textile industry provides vast opportunity for sustainable employment, enunciates among its